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## SHIPPING.

### ARRIVALS.

September 10. GRIEGLAND, British steamer, 1,053. D'Evilla, Whampoa 12th September, General.—SIMMSEN & CO. September 10. ESSIX, British steamer, 1,675. H. Longley, Amoy 8th September, Tea—ADAMSON, BELL & CO. September 10. ANGERS, British steamer, 2,077. Pitkham, Glasgow 8th June, General—ADAMSON, BELL & CO. September 10. THEERAN, British steamer, 1,670. W. J. Nantes, Foochow 23rd August, and Singapore 14th September, Mail and General—P. & O. S. N. CO. September 10. GLENBRUN, British steamer, 1,336. E. Norman, London 1st August, and Singapore 5th September, General—JARDINE, MATTHESON & CO. September 10. FOOKIN, British steamer, 502. F. Godthard, Foochow 7th September, Amoy 8th, and Swatow 9th, General—DOUGLAS LAFAINE & CO. September 10. GLUTSCHUNG, German steamer, 917. C. F. Bertolini, Swatow 9th September, General—BUN HIN & CO. September 10. ATHOLL, British steamer, 923. Thomson, Singapore 10th September, General—BUN HIN & CO.

### CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE.

Essex, British str., for Singapore. Kent, British str., for Saigon. Kong Beng, British str., for Swatow. Alvin, German str., for Haiphong. Anton, German str., for Hollow.

### DEPARTURES.

September 10. MARIE, German str., for Toulon. September 10. KONG BENG, British steamer, for Bangkok.

### PASSENGERS.

Arrived. Per Atholl, str., from Singapore—35 Chinese. Per Essex, str., from Amoy—20 Chinese. Per Angers, str., from Glasgow—25 Chinese. Per Gloucester, str., from Swatow—51 Chinese.

Per Glenburn, str., from London &c.—Mr. Gilbert for Shanghai, and 163 Chinese for Hong Kong from Singapore. Per Esmeralda, str., from Coast Ports—Mrs. Santes, Misses Lilly, Le Meurier, and Hunter, and 98 Chinese. Per P. & O. str. Teheran, for Hong Kong—From London—Lieut. Maturin, Mr. A. Richardson. From Bombay—Mrs. Josephs, 2 children and 2 nurses, Mr. D. Munderup. From Venice—Mr. H. Frazer, from Singapore. Surgeon Dr. S. M. Mease, Dr. Horatio Bent, and Dr. T. B. Parker. For Hong Kong—For London—Mr. Wright—For Nagasaki—From Singapore—Mr. Beattie, For Yokohama—From Singapore—Rev. T. Denison Woods, Mr. and Mrs. Halliburton, Mr. H. Lloyd. To depart. Per P. & O. str. Khedive, from Hong Kong—For Singapore—Col. Walker, R.E. Captain L.W. R.A. For Peking—H. M. General-Lyall, Major-General—Mr. W. Cowen. For Manila—Cesar Stedman and Mar Gaudenz. For Venlo—Misses Julius Kremel and Arthur Ryle, from Shanghai—For London—Misses J. Jordan and P. McGrath.

### REPORTS.

The British steamer Glenburn reports left London on the 1st August, and Singapore on the 5th September. Experienced light Southerly winds from Singapore to Paravas; thence to port strong S.W. monsoon and heavy squalls.

The British steamer Fidella, from Foochow on the 7th September, with light variable winds and showers to Amoy. Left Amoy on the 8th, with moderate S.W. breezes and fine weather to Swatow. Left Swatow on the 9th, and from thence to port variable winds with squalls and rain. In Foochow str. Fidella, P. C. Kao, Horley, and Chinding. In Swatow str. Meffo and Nauing.

### VESSELS ENROUTE AT HONGKONG.

(Corrected to Date.)

Ivan Reed ... Cardiff ... April 28. Monach ... New York ... April 28. Palmyra ... Cardiff ... May 14. Grandee ... Cardiff ... May 26. Marsden ... Cardiff ... May 30. Johanna ... Hamburg ... June 1. Aragada ... New York ... June 8. South America ... Cardiff ... June 9. Florence ... Cardiff ... June 9. Mohawk ... New York ... June 11. Nyl Ghan ... New York ... June 12. Lucile ... New York ... June 16. Undine ... Cardiff ... June 22. Vortex (s.) ... New York ... June 25. Arabic (s.) ... Hong Kong ... July 3. Cinaamair (s.) ... Hong Kong ... July 3. Gratitudo (s.) ... Antwerp/Bremen ... July 13. C. F. Sargent ... Penang ... July 15. Rosamond (s.) ... Antwerp ... July 16. Great Surgeon ... Cardiff ... July 18. Carondelet ... Cardiff ... July 18. John Currier ... Penang ... July 25.

### NOTICES OF FIRMS.

#### NOTICE.

I HAVE THIS DAY established myself as GENERAL COMMISSION AGENT H. DETERMING. Canton, 1st September, 1885. [1500]

#### NOTICE.

THE Undersigned have been nominated by Special Appointment COMMERCIAL AGENTS for the FOREIGN BUSINESS of His Excellency THE VICE-ROY OF CHINH. Russell & Co. Hongkong, 11th July, 1885. [1467]

#### NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Honourable the Chief Justice has, in virtue of Section 3 of Ordinance No. 9 of 1870, made an order limiting to the 25th day of November, as the time for Creditors to send in their CLAIMS against the Estate of TAM MOON (譚木順) alias TAM CHEW SAN (譚木順) late of No. 19, Gough Street, Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong, Trade, who died on the 10th day of July last, at Gough Street, deceased, intestate and Litters of Administrators, by whom his personal Estate and Effects were granted by the Supreme Court of Hongkong in its Probate Jurisdiction, on the 23rd day of July last to YAU MO HO, the lawful Widow and relator of the said Deceased. AND NOTICE is ALSO GIVEN that all such Claims are to be sent within 24th day of November, 1885, or sooner as may be taken of them.

All Persons indebted to the above Estate are requested to make immediate payment to the Undersigned.

#### NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Business of the SUN KWONG LOONG SHOP at Sandakan was carried on by WONG TIN LUI, U.S. CHONG TONG, and WONG SAU CHUEN, in Co-Partnership, and that U.S. CHONG TONG, out of a desire to make his other Businesses, have transferred their Shares of the above-named Shop to WONG SAU CHUEN. All the Chatels, Stock-in-trade and Outstanding Accounts of the SUN KWONG LOONG SHOP as well as its Debts and Loans will be in the name of WONG TIN LUI and U.S. CHONG TONG.

### WONG TIN LUI,

### WONG SAU CHUEN,

### SUN KWONG LOONG SHOP,

Sandakan, 24th August, 1885. [1533]

### NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 3rd day of June last, YOUNG YUK CHI and his Son YOUNG HEE KEE, with a few of their dependents, retired from the Business of the HOO TAI LOONG SHOP, No. 50, Praya Central and Sold all their own Shares of the Business to YOUNG MING LAI TONG who had been until that time a Partner or Shareholder. Settlement of Accounts has been made. The said YOUNG MING LAI TONG will not hold themselves responsible for any Debts, old or new contracted by the said YOUNG YUK CHI and his Son YOUNG HEE KEE.

Creditors and Debtors are also hereby requested to send their contracts to be signed by YOUNG TAO MAN, YOUNG MAN FUNG, and YOUNG KING SHAN, or certified by the putting on the same documents of the Chop of HOO TAI LOONG MING KEE.

### NOTICE.

Hongkong, 12th August, 1885. [1470]

## INTIMATIONS.

### BANKS.

L. A. CRAWFORD & CO. TOCAGO AND CIGAR LIST.

Cop's Golden Cloud.

Bristol Birkdale.

Prairie Flower Mixture.

Morris & Son's West End Mixture.

" Old and Honey Dew.

Bristol Birkdale.

Allen & Ginter's Cut Cable.

Richmond Gem.

Rough and Ready.

Turkish Mixture.

Golden Birkdale.

Richmond Straight Cut.

Straight Cut Cigarettes.

CHOICE MANILA CIGARS.

La Poela del Oriente.

Reina Victoria.

Brevas.

Londres.

Principia.

Damas.

Perlas.

Regalia Chica.

Regalia Oriental.

Also a Small Variety of

VARY CHOICE HAVANAS.

L. A. CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, 29th August, 1885. [1533]

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**A. S. WATSON & CO.**  
 FAMILY AND DISPENSING CHEMISTS,  
 By Appointment to His Excellency the Governor and His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh,  
 WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DRUGGISTS  
 PERFUMES,  
 PATENT MEDICINE VENDORS,  
 DRUGGISTS' SUPPLYMEN,  
 AND  
 MANUFACTURED WATER MAKERS,  
 SHIPS' MEDICINE CHESTS REFITTED,  
 PASSENGER SHIPS SUPPLIED.

NOTICE.—To avoid delay in the execution of Orders it is particularly requested that all business communications be addressed to the Firm, A. S. WATSON and Co., or HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

BIRTHS.  
 At Swatow, on the 15th August, the wife of Dr. JOHN POLLACK, of a daughter. [1500]  
 On the 16th August, at H. B. M. Consulate, Pakho, of a daughter. [1500]  
 On the 26th August, at Richmond Terrace, the wife of Capt. H. G. FINCH, D.A.C.O., Ordinance Store Department, and F. A. T. Alex., British Consul, at No. 6, Alvear's Terrace, on the morning of the 26th August, ... wife of EZEKIEL J. ODAHARA, of a son. [1500]  
 On the 30th August, at York, the wife of THOMAS COVIL, of a son. By telegram.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, SEPTEMBER 11TH, 1885.

THE statement is made by the *London and China Express*, on what authority we know not, that the new arrangement by which the *lekin* on opium is to be paid at the same time as the import duty, is intended as preliminary to an arrangement for a similar payment of *lekin* on all imports and exports. Our contemporaries say:—"We understand that one of the chief arguments used by the Chinese to induce the British Government to accede to the principle of one high uniform rate, was that the Chinese Government looked on it as a principle which might be applied to all foreign trade; both export and import, we presume. The Chinese of our own accord, we believe, put this principle forward as one that would aim a blow at *lekin* dues generally, and possibly as a precursor of a system which would bring about their total extinction, at all events as far as foreign trade was concerned. Having reached this point means would soon be devised also for their abolition on native trade. For the British Government to refuse to accede the principle, and grant the increased duty on opium by some other arrangement, would mean that the objectionable principle of *lekin* would be upheld, and that instead of facilitating the abolition of the custom, it would rather have the effect of prolonging and perpetuating the barriers." The argument is ingenious, and thoroughly Chinese. The effect of such an arrangement would simply be to increase the import and export duty without any corresponding reduction of the inland taxation, except, possibly in the immediate neighbourhood of the ports, where illegal excise would come too prominently under the notice of the tax-gatherers. Our contemporaries write generally in favour of the arrangement, but towards the end of the article seems to recognise the dangers which would attend it. It says:—"It is without doubt a principle which, if generally applied, will be to the advantage of inland trade. I. will—under effectual guarantee for its due observance—undermine at a blow the whole of the barrier system. And for the reason that the Chinese Government have desired the new system for opium, they will be equally glad to extend it to all trade. The only danger in both cases is that the greed of local officials, and the loss they would sustain by the new system, may militate against its smooth working in the interior. For it must be remembered that they will, under the Opium Convention, and would still further, under the general principle, be great losers by the new system. For foreigners, however, the system must have many advantages." We fail to see the advantages. What "effectual guarantee" could the Chinese Government possibly give for the due observance of the agreement?—With the history of the transit pass system before us, it is difficult to conceive how any one could think such effectual guarantees possible. The whole theory of the *lekin* is opposed to any such arrangement. Under the Treaty of Tientsin the inland dues on goods, whether imports or exports, were computable on payment of one half the tariff duty, and on duty free goods on payment of 2½ per cent. *ad valorem*. It was undoubtedly understood at the time that this provision was intended to enable the foreign merchant to send his manufactures for sale among the natives of China upon payment of defined import and transit duties, and without further taxation or restriction. The Imperial Government, however, has been unable or unwilling—most probably both—to enforce observance of the provision by the local officials. In the south the transit pass system has never been used except very occasionally for tentative purposes. In the north the system is made use of to some extent, but, although it protects the goods from some of the barrier dues, no one imagines that it exempts them from all imposts. *Lekins* dues are distinct from transit dues and are supposed to be a voluntary patriotic contribution on account of war expenses, but no one ever ventures to disregard the appeal thus made to his "patriotism," and the provincial authorities will make such appeals even on very slight plaus of local necessity. Whatever duties may be paid on goods at the time of importation additional levies will continue to be made by the local authorities under whose jurisdiction the goods stand on their way island. The only means of preventing this would be to place the collection of the internal revenues of the empire under a foreign Inspectorate, and the establishment of such an Inspectorate is hopeless to look for. Sir Rutherford ALCOCK is apparently of opinion that the transit duty was a matter that might be settled by treaty stipulation, and in the Convention of 1869, ratification of which was refused by the British Government, it was provided that certain classes of goods forming the chief

staples of trade should pay both import duty and transit duty simultaneously at the time of importation, and that they should then be "exempt from all other taxes and charges whatsoever in Treaty port provinces." On this provision the Shanghai Chamber of Commerce at a special meeting thus expressed itself:—"This meeting considers that the proposed modification of the treaty as to transit dues, by which 2½ per cent should be made payable at the port of entry and cease to be optional, is the least satisfactory of all forms in which the levy could be collected, and contrary to the general interests of trade, and that it would only add so much to the cost of taking goods into the interior, as local dues in some shape or other are sure to be superadded; and this meeting therefore adheres still to the views expressed in the Chamber of Commerce memorial of October, 1867, in regard to the best means of collecting transit dues." In the memorial here referred to the Shanghai Chamber of Commerce expressed itself strongly in favour of the system which provides for a communication of inland dues upon imports and exports, but urged that the duty should be payable at the inland market instead of into the Foreign Customs. The reasons for this were thus set out:—"It is naturally a source of vexation to the local authorities that dues which, according to custom, formerly came into their own coffers should now be paid to the provincial exchequer subject to Imperial control; and it is also to be remembered that, to a certain extent, this is an indication to those officials who look to taxes upon the produce bought on goods sold in their districts as the means of raising their revenue. Under such circumstances a strong prejudice is naturally felt by them against foreign trade; and they are under temptation to impose taxes on produce bought by foreigners; while, in consequence of no other duty being levied on it in the district, they are able to do so without fear of popular discontent. If, however, the transit dues were paid, as they should be, to the local officials at the place where the transactions occur, the mandarins would welcome the foreigner and be inclined to foster his trade, seeing that it would contribute handsomely to their local revenue." This raises the old question of the Imperial versus the local exchequers. The view of the Shanghai Chamber would not, we imagine, be endorsed by the Peking Government, but the system recommended would unquestionably be an advantage to foreign trade. On the other hand, the collection of *lekins* at the ports would simply mean so much additional burden on foreign goods, and the suggestion is one that should not be for a moment entertained. The principle has been conceded so far as opium is concerned, but opium is an article which has always been subjected to exceptional treatment. The effect of the new arrangement will be to materially increase the cost of the drug in the interior, and it should not be allowed as a precedent in respect to the taxation on other goods.

The delivery of the English mail was begun at 12.30 yesterday afternoon.

The *Foochow Echo* in recording the death of Tso-Tsung-tang, says that he was 74 years of age.

We hear from Shanghai that the scheme for the establishment of a Masonic School is in a fair way of being carried out.

Will be noticed on reference to the advertisement elsewhere published, the Hongkong Public School will be re-opened on Monday morning next, the 14th inst.

A home paper states that the British steam cruiser *Lander*, after a cruise of the coast of Ireland and getting some few alterations made to her fittings, will probably join the China Squadron.

The Agent informs us that the Pacific Mail S. S. Co.'s steamer *City of Rio de Janeiro*, with mails, &c., from San Francisco to the 13th ultime, has reached Yokohama and left there on Wednesday morning on half pay.

We note by an intimation in the *London Times* of the 31st July that Colonel the Hon. Henry Parry, C. B., formerly of the Buffs, who was in command of the 15th Regimental District, has retired on half pay.

The *Freemasons* in the neighbouring colony of Singapore have appointed Right Wor. Bro. W. H. M. Read with a handsome jewel and address on his retirement from the high office of District Grand Master of the Eastern Archipelago. Right Wor. Bro. Read has held the office from which he now retires for a period of nearly twenty-seven years, and has been associated with Craft in the Straits Settlements for forty years. He is succeeded by Right Wor. Bro. S. Dunlop.

A despatch has been received at Saigon from Paris stating that the Government had decided to afford to the military and naval forces engaged in the operations in Cambodia for the suppression of the rebellion the advantages of the inland dues on goods, whether imports or exports, were computable on payment of one half the tariff duty, and on duty free goods on payment of 2½ per cent. *ad valorem*. It was undoubtedly understood at the time that this provision was intended to enable the foreign merchant to send his manufactures for sale among the natives of China upon payment of defined import and transit duties, and without further taxation or restriction. The Imperial Government, however, has been unable or unwilling—most probably both—to enforce observance of the provision by the local officials. In the south the transit pass system has never been used except very occasionally for tentative purposes. In the north the system is made use of to some extent, but, although it protects the goods from some of the barrier dues, no one imagines that it exempts them from all imposts.

The prospects of a new company called "The Netherlands India Dock and Shipping Wharf Company (Limited)" with a capital of 100 million guilders has been issued. The company is formed for the purpose of taking over and working (1) the floating dock moored at Amsterdam Island near Batavia, with shed and premises, &c., and (2) the three arrearsing points, *Amboyna*, *Amsterdam*, and *Sabaya* at present under the care of Messrs. De Groot & Co. Mr. P. C. Gallas has been appointed administrator of the dock, whilst the establishment of Sourabaya remains entrusted to Mr. G. Putman Crans. The management is to be conducted by Messrs. J. Daendels & Co., Batavia, Samarang, and Sourabaya.

Two Netherlands men-of-war were, by last advices (says the *Straits Times*), cruising off the Amur islands to keep an eye on American freebooters who, of late, have been committing piracy in the neighbourhood of the New Guinea Coast. Matters there were in a very unsettled state at last accounts. In Geram, Mr. G. Putman Crans, a plan was made to be put into execution to get the rebels to submit. This plan was laid before the natives. As far back as September last, Mr. W. W. prepared the Resident of Amboyna that every preparation was being made for an insurrection to break out first of all at Ternate, and then to spread to New Guinea. Ammunition and arms had been abundantly imported for the purpose, thanks to the influence of the authorities. The direction of the rebels, however, was to get 20s. the pound, so that they could not be induced to leave the country. The matter was referred to the Government, who, however, had no objection to make good all damages. However, should your client not offer further opposition to our clients obtaining the money from the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank our clients might be inclined to give up their claim. The motion was dismissed with costs and unconditionally.

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A fire occurred at Foochow on the 20th ult., on the other side of the wall, in which three shops selling paper and tobacco were destroyed. Fortunately the wall surrounding them prevented the flames from catching the neighbouring houses.

The following appears in the London *Gazette* of the 4th ult.—*The Buffs (East Kent Regt.)*—Lieut. George Adrias Porta to Captain, vice P. Green, seconded; Supernumerary Lieutenant Edward G. J. Williams to be Lieutenant, vice G. A. Porta.

The decision of the Marine Court of Enquiry into the loss of the *Burdock* was delivered on the 4th inst.—*The Buffs (East Kent Regt.)*—Lieut. George Adrias Porta to Captain, vice P. Green, seconded; Supernumerary Lieutenant Edward G. J. Williams to be Lieutenant, vice G. A. Porta.

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## THE ENGLISH-MAIL.

The P. and O. steamer *Telamon*, Captain Nantes, from Bombay 22nd ult., and Colombo, Ponang, and Singapore, with the English mail of the 1st ult., arrived yesterday afternoon.—

MARSEILLES 11th August.

Cholera is increasing here. The Pharo hospital has been opened.

MARSHFIELD 11th August.

The Archbishop of Soville has died from cholera.

BERLIN, 12th August.

General Lord Welsley from London and Count Kalnay from Vienna have left to visit Prince Bismarck at Varzin.

SUEZ, 9th August.

The *Bayard*, which brings to France the remains of Admiral Courbet, anchored this afternoon in the roads. It will enter the Canal tomorrow at midday and will arrive at Port Said on Tuesday.

ALEXANDRIA, 10th August.

The *Sigaud*, having on board H. M. St. Benoît, Tailleur, Chargé d'Affaires for France, left yesterday for Port Said to await there the arrival of the *Bayard*.

Mr. Kiedowski, French Consul, and the delegates of the Nation, who accompanied him to Paris on Admiral Courbet's remains, were offered by the French colony at Alexandria will leave this evening for Port Said by the *Albion*.

MARSHFIELD 23rd August.

A meeting at thirty thousand took place here to protest against the German annexation of the Caroline Islands: there was great enthusiasm. Anxiety still continues as to the issue of the negotiations.

LONDON, 23rd August.

Mr. Boulleau, in his paper the *Le Progrès*, is daily publishing inciting and threatening articles against the British Government and its Ambassador in Paris. He also charges Lord Welsley with the murder of Olivier Pain. In consequence of these attacks the Government have published a telegram from General Kitchener officially declaring that Pain died at Port Said last autumn, and declaring as untrue tales that he was murdered.

WADY HALFA, 23rd August.

Four thousand devils have occupied New Dongola.

LONDON, 24th August.

A silver medal has been awarded at the Antwerp Exhibition to the Cayton Tea Agency for their exhibits of tea.

BERLIN, 24th August.

The German Government has invited the Spanish Government to a discussion in a friendly spirit regarding the Spanish claims to the Caroline Islands annexed by Germany.

LONDON, 25th August.

Mr. St. Dahl had an interview with Lord Salisbury in connection with the negotiations regarding the Afghan frontier. The *Daily News* publishes a paragraph stating that the interview resulted in the coming to an agreement with Russia by England against the points disputed.

ALEXANDRIA, 25th August.

The departure of the 1st battalion Royal Irish, 2nd battalion Surrey, 1st battalion Sussex, and 1st battalion Gordon Highlanders, from here is countermanded.

LONDON, 26th August.

The Daily News in an article concerning that the British Government were consulting Lord Dufferin and Colonial Ridgway regarding Russian proposals for arranging the delimitation of the frontier.

Addressing a large meeting at Dublin yesterday, Mr. Purcell frankly declared he was confident of winning the Irish their independence in the next Session. The extreme Home Rulers adopted a resolution imposing upon Irish candidates in the approaching election a pledge of unswerving obedience to Mr. Parnell in the House of Commons.

BOMBAY, 22nd August.

Lord Coleridge was married last Thursday to Miss Lawford, daughter of Mr. Lawford, late Bengal Civil Service.

MADRAS 17th August.

Mr. Jamison, of the firm of Messrs. Lawford & Co., of Calcutta, went to Colombo on the French mail steamer *Tarbes* on Thursday morning unshaved and was seen no more. He had complained of sleeplessness and appeared strange in manner.

BOMBAY, 19th August.

General Sir Frederick Roberts and party arrived in Bombay yesterday, and stayed at Capt. Hove's bungalow. They embarked on the mail steamer *Calcutta* this afternoon.

Are Ali Shah, spiritual head of the Khurja community, is dead. He was fifty years old. He is succeeded by Sultan Mohamed Shah, aged six, his only surviving son.

The Bombay *Guardian* hears from Simla that the delay in filling up the Madras and Bombay commands is supposed to arise from the probability of the consolidation of four Army Corps under Lieut.-General Sir George Clifton.

It is reported that the Queen's Officers are not likely to have any of these appointments.

BOMBAY, 22nd August.

The *Times of India* hears from Simla that Colonel Lockhart arrived at Gildric on the 29th July all well. He was honourably received.

It is reported that a contract has been given for a Railway from Mysore to Chittor. More to rebuild. The Askania Railway is rapidly progressing. The Madras and Bihar Railways are being opened they were found to contain cartridges. The importer is an Italian.

## CÔM-INTL INTELLIGENCE.

THURSDAY, 10th September.

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Quotations are—  
Maiwa (New)..... \$500 to 510 per cwt, alco.  
Maiwa (Old)..... \$300 to 320 per cwt, alco.  
of 33 to 4 catties.

Patin (New)..... \$577 to 587 per chest.  
Patin (Old)..... \$547 per chest.

Bonars (New)..... \$40 per cwt.  
Bonars (Old)..... \$30 per cwt.

EXCHANGE.

ON LONDON—  
Telegraphic Transfer..... 35/6  
Bank Bills, on demand..... 35/6  
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight..... 35/6  
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight..... 36/6  
Credits, at 4 months' sight..... 36/6  
Documentary Bills at 4 months' sight..... 36/6

On PARIS—  
Bank Bills, on demand..... 44/0  
Credits, at 4 months' sight..... 44/7

ON NEW YORK—  
Bank Bills, on demand..... 84/4  
Credits, 60 days' sight..... 86

ON BOMBAY—  
Telegraphic Transfer..... 29/4  
Bank, on demand..... 29/3

ON CALCUTTA—  
Telegraphic Transfer..... 29/4  
Bank, on demand..... 29/3

ON SHANGHAI—  
Bank, at sight..... 73/4  
Private, 30 days' sight..... 74/4

SHARES.

Quotations are—  
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Shares—163 per cent premium.

Union Insurance Society of Canton, Limited—\$40 per share.

China Traders' Insurance Company's Shares—\$63 per share.

North China Insurance—The 390 per share, Yangtze Insurance Association—The 130 per share.

China Insurance Company, Limited—\$175 per share.

On TAI JASPER, Company, Limited—The 148 per share.

Canton Insurance Office, Limited—\$83 per share.

Hongkong Fire Insurance Company's Shares—\$567 per share.

China Fire Insurance Company's Shares—\$75 per share.

Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company's Shares—65 per cent premium.

Indo-China Steam Navigation Co.'s Shares—\$40 per share premium.

China and Manila Steamship Company, Limited—30 per cent discount, nominal.

Douglas Steamship Company, Limited—12½ per cent premium.

## HONGKONG GAS COMPANY'S SHARES—\$90 per share.

Hongkong Hotel Company's Shares—\$160 per share.

China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$88 per share.

China Sugar Refining Company (Dobentures)—1 per cent, premium nominal.

Luoyang Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$80 per share.

Hongkong Ice Company's Shares—\$155 per share.

Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—\$118 per share.

Perak Tin Mining and Smelting Company—\$20 per share.

Selangor Tin Mining Company—\$13 per share.

Perak Tin Smelting Company—The 12 per share.

Hongkong Rose Manufacturing Company, Limited—\$68 per share.

Hongkong Glass Manufacturing Co., Limited—\$10 per share.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

## LONDON, 7th September.

The President of the Spanish Ministry (Soler del Castillo) has expressed to the German Ambassador his great regret at the statement offered to the German *Post* by the papal nuncio of Madrid.

THE VICTORIAN REBELLION.

A peaceful settlement of the difficulty between Germany and Spain is expected.

The German Government agrees to relinquish its claims on the island of If, if it is proved that the Spanish flag has been previously hoisted there.

THE ROYAL NAVY.

The Royal Navy has been ordered to proceed to the north of the Island of If, to search for the Spanish fleet.

THE ROYAL NAVY.

The following is the report of the directors to be presented at the ordinary meeting of shareholders to be held at the Company's Hotel, 44, Queen's Gate, p.m., to-day.

In accordance with section 33 of the articles of association, the directors have now to submit to you their half-yearly account of the amount of account for the six months ending 31st June, 1885.

NOTES BUILDING.

The three long houses in the new wing will probably be let to the Royal Engineers, who will be quartered in the building.

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PEKING.

20th August.  
I notice in your leader of the 30th ult. that you make mention of Teng-ki Boile, the eldest of Prince King, as if he were still alive. You are no doubt aware that he died some weeks ago, and was buried at that time your writing. This late prince was held in very high esteem, and people described him as a handsome and capable youth. His energies, however, were used and spent in amanuensis and a not altogether perfect life, while he committed excesses which were ultimately the cause of his sickness and a career cut short at an early period. He was a member of the Imperial Guard, and died without issue. Prince King, on account of his great merit in defeating the formidable conspiracy by the traitor Si San, to overthrow his brother the Emperor Hien Fong, was rewarded by being created a Hereditary Prince of the First Order for ever. In China the prince brothers of the Emperors, are princes of the first and second rank in the first generation; the second of the second rank in the rank, and so on, creating a lower rank in each successive generation, until at last they become simply "yellow girdles." Prince King, by this creation, is considered to have been highly rewarded, and his subsequent enjoyment of extraordinary power and trust in the management of affairs has enabled him to amass a fortune of about £100,000. He is a popular man, the richest man in the reign of Qian-lung of the present day. He has two sons, one who forms our present subject, and of whom we have just treated, and Ying Boile, Ying Boile, however, was given away by adoption to be the son of his uncle Chung Chin-wang, who was childless, or at any rate without a male heir. Ying Boile's death without a son has, therefore, left the family of the descendants. In the present dilemma, the happiness of the son, intended to be adopted, Ying Boile, is lost for the heir of his deceased uncle. Ying Boile, however, retains the name and honors of his real and adopted grandfather Prince King. The younger is a lucky lad; he becomes prince in a line of the few unfeared, hereditary princes in the ancient empire of China, and will inherit almost nothing but the name and the title of his object—Ying Boile, who also, very fond of going about in disguise, many pictures and photographs of him may be met with in the capital in which he represents himself as a theatrical actor, a girl, or a common street-musician with a guitar in his hand. In disguise, he is used often to frequent the public fairs in the Peking temples, and to sit in the boxes in the theatre and juggling for the admiration of the public. He is described as being very amiable, though wild, and had a quantity of beauty—quite above the average. To crown all he was skillful in riding fast and expensive horses, and could spend money in a royal way.

Among those who contributed towards repairing the Imperial Gardens mentioned in some of my previous numbers, I find the name of Chang Hon, formerly Minister of Revenue. He is said to have given £10,000 to forward the Imperial work. He has promised, so they say, £100,000, but the balance of the money seems slow in coming. Ever since his memorable mission of historic note to the Imperial Court, which so nearly concluded fatally for his life, Chung Hon has dwelt in perfect quiet and seclusion, not troubling anyone's ignoble way, he kept the noiseless secret of his life. The Chinese Minister has issued instructions to the Chinese Consuls at the open ports to make strict investigations as to whether all the Chinese residents in those ports are possessed of passports. Among the numerous residents some are said to have come to Japan without official sanction and to be engaged in gambling—Main-shan, Saito, etc. The Chinese Minister has issued instructions for returning the method of dressing hairy hair in Japan is (says the Japan Mail) growing and prospering. We find some of the vernacular papers supporting it by the daily publication of arguments and exhortations, and the latest news is that all the ladies of the Normal School (*Shikhan Gakko*) have enrolled themselves as members, and will never, never, never twist their locks into the Chinese knot, the *hachioji*, or *shibata*, or any other Chinese device. We are glad to find that having been changed the masters were quickly got rid of. "Xixi" is as good as any of the sea serpent stories. Our Japanese contemporaries have lively imaginations.

**TOKIO.**  
The new railway in Yodogawa has been completed from Naga to Tatsuta, and cars are running on the line conveying material for the further prosecution of the work. The scheme for the Yamagata railway has greatly progressed. The proposed line is to pass Yonezawa, Akaya, Kameyama, Yamagata, Oshimatsu, Shinjo, Tsuruoka, and Sakata. It is estimated that the annual receipts will reach £100,000. The Chinese Minister has issued instructions for returning the method of dressing hairy hair in Japan is (says the Japan Mail) growing and prospering. We find some of the vernacular papers supporting it by the daily publication of arguments and exhortations, and the latest news is that all the ladies of the Normal School (*Shikhan Gakko*) have enrolled themselves as members, and will never, never, never twist their locks into the Chinese knot, the *hachioji*, or *shibata*, or any other Chinese device. We are glad to find that having been changed the masters were quickly got rid of. "Xixi" is as good as any of the sea serpent stories. Our Japanese contemporaries have lively imaginations.

**YOKOHAMA.**  
The Austrian gunboat *Mantua*, Captain Spedler, left Yokohama on the 23rd ultime for Korea.

The Italian corvette *Cristoforo Colombo*, Captain Acciari, arrived in Yokohama on the 23rd ultime from Korea.

We are informed that the British gunboat *Lebel*, which left here on the 4th July with the first cargo of tea sent to the North Pacific Railway, arrived at Takemoto on the 5th instant.

He is very affable and popular, and does not put at all the air of the average mandarin of China. Some years ago he occupied an important position in the Shanghai Arsenal, and his rise has been rapid.

Frequent sales of arms and ammunition are reported to have taken place in this city. This is a preparation for another war? Rain has fallen here these last few days, and in such quantities as to render the Imperial highway from this place. The road is most impassable by cart or hand. Boots therefore, and a good pair, are in great request.

The war has been so sanguine in the coal mines under the patronage of H.H. Prince Chun, in the west of Peking, that the three-inch piping of the infantile pump used there could not exhaust the supply as it came in; therefore, the pipes were closed and work suspended. N. C. Daily News Correspondent.

Two Chinese who impeached the Viceroy Li Hung-chang some time ago have been degraded by the Throne. A Dicere also recently appeared commanding people also not to censure on his say alone, as was formerly allowed, but to act circumstantially, and to be sure of their case before they launch their pointed shafts against the offenders of Chinese law. Their privacies are very much curtailed. The heretics and profligates of the country, the Ming dynasty was exceedingly gross; no fault was too great for them for consuming anybody whether their acts were correct or otherwise, and the result was beneficial in the extreme for the public. Now, however, people fear that this recent Imperial Decree will have a baneful effect, and give criminal law more chances than ever of doing wrong to the best brought to justice.

The Emperor Decree, however, the young Emperor has recently made daily exertions to the garden of the Nan-hai, etc., where it is exceedingly cool with the palaces inside are extremely hot. The Court is held in the garden, and daily audience given there. People therefore, say that the destruction of the Censors who imposed the ban on the Emperor was meant for an example to those who would receive should they dare again to speak out. Her Imperial Majesty for daily audience out of her person palace.

N. C. Daily News Correspondent.

**HAKODATE.**  
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**KOREA.**  
Everything was quiet in Korea when the steamer *Hever* left. We hear that, instead of Chinese garrisons, two or three hundred men and a few hundred women, had been sent to the Korean station, after the Japanese Armstrong cruiser and one amphibious gunboat had been sent.

The Japanese generally keep one or two couriers there (at present one), and a U.S. ship is almost always there as well; at present the *Arct*. We understand the much talked of Korean are still like the *Das* in Kun, especially to the *Das* in Jora.

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Princ Min, who is said to be succeeded, was so terribly out last winter during the general revolution in Sui and when his son, who was born from a trustworthy source, has been nominated Commander-in-chief of Korean forces. The Korean Government undoubtedly selected Prince Min for this influential position in order to counteract the opposition party, of which Da-in Kun is the head, and whose return to his native country, should it ever become a *fait accompli*, is looked forward with so much fear. —Corse.

## JAPAN.

## KOREA.

Earthquakes are rare at Kobe, a pleasant fact on which the residents dwell with satisfaction when contrasting the relative advantages of their port as compared with Yokohama. It is therefore noteworthy that, according to the *Huay Neua*, a rather sharp shock of earthquake was experienced there at about 3:30 a.m. on the 20th ult.

H.M.S. *Audacious*, flag-ship of Admiral Doig, arrived in Kobe nine p.m. on the 27th ult. Captain Luard, who commanded the detachment of Marines on board, died from malaria fever on the morning of the 27th, and was buried that afternoon at Kobe with the usual honours.

The American steamer *Princ*, on account of his great merit in defeating the *Hever*, the *Hever*, the steamer having first made its appearance while the ship was in Hongkong.

The *Huay Neua* of the 31st inst. says—The United States steamer *Osprey* arrived here early yesterday morning from Nagasaki, flying the yellow flag, and moved to the above port during the afternoon. We hear that these two ships, which were engaged in the same service, had been separated, and that several of the crew were sick. H.M.S. gun-vessel *Ernest* from Hamilton passed through Akashi Straits yesterday afternoon, and continued her course to Yokohama without calling in at Kobe, as was expected. Doubtless the commander of the *Ernest* saw that the yellow flag was flying over the *Osprey*, and that general of the crew were sick. H.M.S. gun-vessel *Ernest* from Hamilton passed through Akashi Straits yesterday afternoon, and continued her course to Yokohama without calling in at Kobe, as was expected. Doubtless the commander of the *Ernest* saw that the yellow flag was flying over the *Osprey*, and that general of the crew were sick. 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